



# Westminster Energy Forum

Premier UK Network for Evaluating Climate Risks & Informing the Energy Transition

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## Prospectus

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# WEF Mission & Objectives

The **Purpose** of the WEF is:

**To identify, and integrate, emerging market intelligence regarding energy security and climate change risks, and to help inform the senior decision-makers from across the value chain who together are responsible for delivering the UK's strategic national decarbonisation transition.**

The WEF operates a collaborative think-tank model funded by subscription, and its **Objectives** are to:

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| <b>Convene</b> | a unique, cross-silo group of practitioners from 130 leading organisations into an annual programme of in-person meetings in central London by invitation.  |
| <b>Share</b>   | enterprise risk-oriented information concerning the challenges and opportunities associated with the design and delivery of decarbonisation policies, investments and innovation, both in the the UK and internationally. |
| <b>Inform</b>  | senior decision-makers of the various dynamic factors that may affect their own priorities and challenges in the near and medium term.  |



# Strategic Themes

The WEF leverages its extensive network to maintain a deep understanding of emerging and strategic risks to define relevant agendas that offer important continuity, and which effectively analyse climate and energy transition risks in ways that affect delivery pathways.

After nearly 20 years of operating its cross-silo programme without interruption the WEF has become a trusted and reliable partner for the public, private and diplomatic sectors alike, delivering insights in ways that are non-commercial in nature and that are independent of industrial or political lobbying.

## Strategic Themes:

- > **Uncertainties in Climate Science and Trends in Climate Change Risks**
- > **Geopolitics of International Energy Transitions and Net Zero Implications**
- > **Delivering UK Energy Transition Targets: Policy and Regulatory Inputs**
- > **Energy System Transformation: Technology, Innovation, Infrastructure**
- > **Challenges for Corporate Strategy: Capital and Social Licence to Operate**

## Workstreams:

**Energy  
Transitions**

**Climate  
Risks**

## Events:





# The WEF Network & Programme

- Evaluating the emerging energy and climate transition risks and opportunities that increasingly arise as part of the UK's national decarbonisation strategy is achieved within the WEF by integrating recognized thought leaders from across key sector silos and geographies with executive practitioners from the value chains required for the strategic delivery of our future energy and economic systems in alignment with UK Net Zero goals.
- The WEF programme is, therefore, necessarily diverse, and is valued by government, regulators and the wider sectors which it serves. The constituency is well-established, and includes 130 leading organisations with a 65:35 public-private sector split overall, to convene a well-informed group of practitioners in a network that has established continuity, delivering intelligence on risks to policy and markets for almost 20 years. And, while the WEF's focus is on the UK's energy security and her decarbonisation, the context of the programme is international in outlook.
- WEF's operational support comes from 90+ annual corporate subscriptions which enable the WEF to deliver its established programme at well below commercial rates and without the bias of sponsorship. Meetings are hosted by our members in rotation.
- Corporate Membership of the WEF is organisational, not individual. Corporate members may send c. two people to the WEF per session, and may use this access transferrably within their firms to ensure that the most relevant executives for a particular session have access to it, thereby also diversifying their own organizational engagement. No pro rata places to the sessions are offered and Corporate memberships are limited in number each year.
- Enquiries maybe addressed to [secretariat@westminsterenergy.org](mailto:secretariat@westminsterenergy.org)



# WEF Events Diary 2023-24 – Year 20

Nov 2, 2023	<b>UK Onshore Energy System Review</b>
Nov 23, 2023	<b>Frontiers in Nuclear Risk, Regulation &amp; Insurance - No.8 (NRI <i>webinar</i>)</b>
Dec 6 2023	<b>UK Offshore Energy System Review</b>
Jan 24 2024	<b>Annual post-COP Review of International Climate Risk, Resilience &amp; Response</b>
Mar 6 2024	<b>Derailment Risks to the Energy Transition and their Potential National &amp; International Implications</b>
May 8 2024	<b>Systemic Climate Risks and Security: Implications for Insurance, Capital Markets, and the Resilience of Energy Transition Pathways</b>
May 15 2024	<b>Frontiers in Nuclear Risk, Regulation &amp; Insurance - No.9 (NRI <i>webinar</i>)</b>
Jul 9 2024	<b>The Geopolitics of Energy Security and Climate Change: Evaluating Strategic Risks, Resilience &amp; Scenarios</b>
Sep 2024	<b>Annual pre-COP Review of Climate &amp; Energy Transition Risks: Implications for Policy and Markets</b>

WEF meetings are by invitation for senior exec-level stakeholders, and 8 of 10 each year are in person. Access to the full integrated WEF programme is available only to Corporate Members of the Forum, and to our unique Knowledge Transfer Network of selected NGOs, Govt departments, regulators and diplomats.

**Market evolution: challenges and changes required to transition the energy system to time**

Frances Warburton, Partner - Economic Advisory, **EY**

**UK Regulatory Review – Ofgem Net Zero Delivery and Networks Update**

Rebecca Barnett, Direct of Networks, **Ofgem**

**Gas winter outlook for the UK in an ever-evolving global market**

Jake Tudge, Corporate Affairs Director, **National Gas**

**Challenges for Regional System and Network Operation**

Sotiris Georgiopoulos, Director of Distribution System Operator, **UK Power Networks**

Dan Hopkinson, CEO, **Electralink**

**Demanding short-term energy flexibility – considering the welfare effects**

Lucy Yu, CEO, **Centre for Net Zero**

**Accelerating & integrating next generation renewable energy technologies: challenges facing the UK**

Nina Skorupska, CEO, **The Association for Renewable Energy & Clean Technology**

**Integrating major expansion of the offshore wind system – challenges of transformation**

Jonny Boston, Business Development Manager, Offshore Wind, **The Crown Estate**

**How space-based solar power could contribute to UK Net Zero and Energy Security targets**

Portia Bowman, Founder & CEO, **Growbotics Space** & Peter D'Eath, Director, **CGI**

Nov 23rd 1400–1600 hrs

## Frontiers in Nuclear Risk, Regulation & Insurance - No.8 (NRI closed) (international webinar)

### ***Welcoming Remarks***

Mark Popplewell, MD, **Nuclear Risk Insurers**

### **Nuclear in the Context of Global Heating: update on the changing rate of climate risks and tipping points affecting decarbonisation goals**

Chris Lambert, Chair, and Director, **Westminster Energy Forum**

### **New Technologies, New Territories: challenges and requirements for international nuclear expansion**

Dr Tim Stone, Chairman, **Nuclear Risk Insurers & UK Nuclear Industry Association**

Isis Leslie, Director, **World Nuclear University**

Beccy Pleasant, Head of Nuclear Skills, **NSSG**

### **Regulatory and safety initiatives underpinning new nuclear technology deployment in support of global goals**

Paula Calle Vives, Senior Nuclear Safety Officer, NSNI, Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**

### **Nuclear Liability of Deep Geological Repositories**

Elena de Boissieu, International Legal Counsel - Nuclear Liability Expert, **OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA)**

### **Nuclear decarbonisation of the Marine sector and innovation in Floating NPPs**

Mikal Bøe, Chief Executive Officer, **Core Power**

**Global Upstream Fundamentals and Net Zero Scenarios in Context – A Critical Review of the International Fossil Fuel Market in Transition**

Prof. Mike Bradshaw, Advisor - Shell Scenarios & Director of Energy, **Warwick Business School**  
**+ UK Energy Research Centre**

**Reviewing the Policies of a North Sea in transition – cooperation, competition & challenges**

Barnaby Powell, Head of North Sea Energy Strategy, **DESNEZ**

**OEUK Economic & Sustainability Update, and Industry Annual Review**

David Whitehouse, Chief Executive, **OEUK**

**Developing regulation for an effective North Sea transition – strategic challenges and opportunities across integrated technologies and operations**

Andy Brooks, Director New Ventures, **North Sea Transition Authority**

**Comparing international perspectives on incentives for offshore energy development**

Vanessa Jakovich, Partner, **Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer**

**The Interaction of CCUS operations with the Onshore System - a critical link**

Alex Milward, Director - Carbon Capture Utilisation & Storage, **DESNEZ**

**Looking Ahead to 2024: Challenges and opportunities to support New Energy Solutions, & Potential Red Flags to Delivery**

Lesley Harding, Global Head of Energy, **Liberty Group**

Toby Uppington, Energy Market Sector Lead, **AECOM**





# Corporate Members of the WEF





# Knowledge Transfer Network

**Government, Diplomats,  
Regulators, NGOs and  
Academic Participants**

AIRMIC	Grantham Institute - Climate Change and the Environment	Oxford Institute for Energy Studies
British Antarctic Survey	Green Finance Institute	Parliamentary Offices of Science and Technology
Buglass Energy Advisory	HM Treasury	RAND Europe
Cambridge Institute for Sustainable Leadership	Hydrogen UK	RenewableUK
Carbon Capture and Storage Association	Innovate UK	Royal United Services Institute
Carbon Tracker Initiative	Ipsos	Space4Climate
CBI	King's College London	techUK
Chatham House	Lloyd's	The Association for Renewable Energy and Clean Technology
Climate Change Committee	London Stock Exchange Group	The Climate Group
COP26	Loughborough University	The Elders Foundation
DEFRA	Low Carbon Contracts Company	Tony Blair Institute
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero	Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership	Transparency International UK
Department for International Trade	Ministry of Defence	Trove Research
E3G - Third Generation Environmentalism	National Centre for Atmospheric Science	Turing Institute
Energy Institute	National Infrastructure Commission	UK Export Finance
Energy Networks Association	National Nuclear Laboratory	UK Onshore Oil & Gas
Energy Systems Catapult	North Sea Transition Authority	UK Petroleum Industry Association
Energy UK	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority	UKERC / Warwick Business School
Environment Agency	Nuclear Industry Association	UNFCCC Climate Champions
ESPRC	OEUK	World Energy Council
EU Delegation to UK	Office for Nuclear Regulation	World Nuclear Association
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult	WWF-UK
Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office	Ofgem	ZSL - Zoological Society of London



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